

Alabama Commission on Higher Education

Directory of Accrediting Organizations Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

Acronym	Regional Accrediting Organizations (Institutional)	USDE	CHEA
MSA	Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools <i>Middle States Commission on Higher Education</i>	√	√
NCA	North Central Association of Colleges and Schools <i>The Higher Education Learning Commission</i> <i>Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement</i> <i>Board of Trustees</i>	√	√
NEASC	New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education Commission on Technical and Career Institutions	√	√
NWCCU	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (Formerly Northwest Association of Accredited Schools)	√	√
SACS	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools <i>Commission on Colleges</i>	√	√
WASC	Western Association of Schools and Colleges <i>Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges</i> <i>Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities</i>	√	√

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AARTS	Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools	√	√
ABHE	Association for Biblical Higher Education <i>Commission on Accreditation</i> (Formerly Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges)	√	√
ACICS	Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools	√	√
ACCSC	Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology	√	
ATS	Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada <i>Commission on Accrediting</i>	√	√
COE	Council on Occupational Education	√	
DETC	Distance Education and Training Council <i>Accrediting Commission</i>	√	√
TRACS	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission	√	√

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Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine ACAOM	Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	√	
Allied Health ABHES	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools	√	
Allied Health CAAHEP	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs		√
Art and Design NASAD	National Association of Schools of Art and Design <i>Commission on Accreditation</i>	√	√
Aviation AABI	Aviation Accreditation Board International (formerly Council on Aviation Accreditation) (CAA)		√
Business AACSB ACBSP	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs		√
Chiropractic CCE	Council on Chiropractic Education <i>Commission on Accreditation</i>	√	√
Computer Science ABET	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (Formerly Computer Sciences Accreditation Commission of the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board) (CSAC)		√
Construction ACCE	American Council for Construction Education <i>Board of Trustees</i>		√
Consumer Science AAFCS	American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences <i>Council for Accreditation</i>		√
Continuing Education ACCET	Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training	√	
Cosmetology NACCAS	National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences	√	
Counseling and Related Programs CACREP	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs		√
Culinary ACF	American Culinary Federation, Inc. <i>Accrediting Commission</i>		√

*USDE does not recognize accrediting agencies that do not apply for or accept Title IV funding.

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Dance NASD	National Association of Schools of Dance <i>Commission on Accreditation</i>	√	√
Dental and Dental Auxiliary Programs ADA	American Dental Association <i>Commission on Dental Accreditation</i>	√	
Dietetics CADE	American Dietetic Association Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education	√	√
Engineering ABET	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.		√
English Language Program CEA	Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	√	
Forestry SAF	Society of American Foresters		√
Funeral Service Education ABFSE	American Board of Funeral Service Education <i>Committee on Accreditation</i>	√	√
Healthcare Management CAHME	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (Formerly Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (ACEHSA))	√	√
Industrial Technology NAIT	National Association of Industrial Technology		√
Interior Design FIDER	Foundation for Interior Design Education Research		√
Journalism and Mass Communication ACEJMC	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications		√
Laboratory Science NAACLS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences		√
Landscape Architecture ASLA	American Society of Landscape Architects <i>Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board</i>		√

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Law ABA	American Bar Association <i>Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar</i>	√	
Liberal Education AALE	American Academy for Liberal Education	√	
Library and Information Studies ALA	American Library Association <i>Committee on Accreditation</i>		√
Marriage and Family Therapy AAMFT	American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy <i>Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education</i>	√	√
Massage Therapy COMTA	Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation	√	
Medicine LCME	Liaison Committee on Medical Education	√	
Midwifery Education MEAC	Midwifery Education Accreditation Council	√	
Montessori Teacher Education MACTE	Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education <i>Commission on Accreditation</i>	√	
Music NASM	National Association of Schools of Music <i>Commission on Accreditation</i>	√	√
Naturopathic Medicine Education CNME	Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	√	
Nuclear Medicine Technology JRCNMT	Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology	√	√
Nurse Anesthesia AANA (CoA-NA) or CANAEF	American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs	√	√

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Nurse-Midwifery ACNM	American College of Nurse-Midwives <i>Division of Accreditation</i>	√	
Nursing CCNE NLN	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc	√	√
Occupational Therapy AOTA (ACOTE)	American Occupational Therapy Association <i>Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education</i>	√	√
Opticianry COA	Commission on Opticianry Accreditation	*	
Optometry ACOE	American Optometric Association (AOA) <i>Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE)</i>	√	√
Osteopathic Medicine AOA	American Osteopathic Association <i>Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation</i>	√	
Pastoral Education ACPE	Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. <i>Accreditation Commission</i>	√	
Pharmacy ACPE	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	√	√
Physician Assistant ARC-PA	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.		√
Physical Therapy APTA (CAPTE)	American Physical Therapy Association <i>Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education</i>	√	√
Planning PAB	Planning Accreditation Board American Institute of Certified Planners/ Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning		√
Podiatry APMA	American Podiatric Medical Association <i>Council on Podiatric Medical Education</i>	√	√
Psychology APA	American Psychological Association <i>Committee on Accreditation</i>	√	√

* USDE recognition expired in 2006. Application for re-recognition submitted 2007. Scheduled for review in 2008. (<http://coaccreditation.com/fag.html>)

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Public Affairs and Administration NASPAA	National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration <i>Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation</i>		√
Public Health CEPH	Council on Education for Public Health	√	
Radiologic Technology JRCERT	Joint Review Committee on Education Programs in Radiologic Technology	√	√
Recreation and Park NRPA/AALR	National Recreation & Park Association/National Association for Leisure and Recreation <i>Council on Accreditation</i>		√
Rehabilitation Education CORE	Council on Rehabilitation Education <i>Commission on Standards and Accreditation</i>		√
Social Work Education CSWE	Council on Social Work Education <i>Commission on Accreditation</i>		√
Speech- Language Pathology and Audiology ASHA	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association <i>Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech- Language Pathology</i>	√	√
Teacher Education NCATE TEAC	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Teacher Education Accreditation Council Accreditation Committee	√	√
Theater NAST	National Association of Schools of Theatre <i>Commission on Accreditation</i>	√	√
Veterinary Medicine AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association <i>Division of Education and Research</i>	√	√